

Appling Healthcare, serving Baxley and Appling County, Georgia, provides comprehensive reports detailing its community benefit activities. These reports encompass financial data, health needs assessments, and implementation strategies aimed at addressing the specific health challenges within the community.

<https://www.ahcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-BACHA-CHNA.pdf>

<https://www.ahcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/APPLING-2024-FS-2.pdf>

## Community Benefit Reporting

Appling Healthcare publishes an annual Community Benefit Report in accordance with Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 31-7-90.1). This report outlines the costs associated with indigent and charity care, as well as participation in the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program, which supports hospitals serving a significant number of Medicaid and uninsured patients. Additionally, the organization provides financial disclosures such as Form 990 filings, real property holdings, and information on outstanding debts and administrative salaries. <https://www.ahcs.org/organizational-financial-information/>

## Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA)

Appling Healthcare conducts Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNAs) every three years to identify and prioritize the health needs of the community. The most recent CHNA, published in 2022, highlighted several key health concerns in Appling County:

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**Obesity:** Obesity rates are consistently high across the county, with the central part of the county exhibiting the highest rate at 36%.

- **Mental Health:** A significant proportion of residents report frequent mental distress, with 20% of adults experiencing such issues, compared to the state average of 15%.
- **Access to Care:** Barriers to healthcare access, including financial constraints and limited availability of services, were identified as significant issues.

These assessments also revealed that nearly one out of three residents report having poor or fair health, and life expectancy in Appling County is lower than the state average.

## Implementation Strategy

Following the CHNA, Appling Healthcare developed an Implementation Strategy to address the identified health priorities. The strategy focuses on:

**Mental and Behavioral Health:** Enhancing access to mental health services and integrating behavioral health into primary care.

- **Access to Care:** Expanding healthcare services and improving transportation options for patients.
- **Lifestyle and Obesity:** Promoting healthy lifestyles through community education and wellness programs.
- **Adolescent Health:** Addressing health issues specific to adolescents, including substance abuse and sexual health education.

The strategy outlines specific actions and programs to be implemented over a three-year period to improve health outcomes in the community.

<https://www.ahcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2019-Implementation-Strategy.pdf>

For more detailed information, you can access the full reports through the following links:

- 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment & Implementation Plan (PDF)
- 2019 Implementation Strategy (PDF)
- Organizational & Financial Information